

under great distress.

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*the May Society has got hold of so many diff subjects. My Quee is, how shall I get along,
with these things? a*

To Confidential. *Buzzell wrote many Garrison*
My Phelps.

*full answer to these inquiries will
be very acceptable to me.*

Geo. Russell,ington. *PHELPS
MSS.*

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That I feel some difficulties in my mind
with regard to working for your Society (May) at the present,
I hesitate not frankly to acknowledge. I cannot for conscience
sake, adopt the views of "H. C. W" on certain subjects. I do not
agree with Friend Garrison on the subject of the Sabbath etc, although
I esteem him highly as a brother in the cause of bleeding humanity.
I likewise have my doubts as to the propriety of women's taking
too prominent a part in public debates - I also feel that the
remarks made concerning the Ministry, is calculated to bring it
into disrepute, & injure the cause of religion. I profess to, and
hope I do, hold the principles of the "puritans". I love the Sabbath
& the means of reconciliation which God has appointed, the Gospel Min-
istry - I believe in the importance of human governments & their
being sustained. I believe that he that sheddest man's blood
forfeits his life for the security of the community, & that God
intended this Law should only be abrogated & annulled, at such
time as there should need no restraint over the passions of sin-
ful men from such sources. Now, dear brother, if I am to be yoked
with all these things, if I take hold to aid your society, I say
Nay - I cannot go - if you can show me that I can preserve my
identity in the work I consent. Yours in the Lord Jesus & with the ardent desire
to obey His word, Geo. Russell